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MEMORANDUM FOR AD80

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Subject: Transportation of [REDACTED]

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1. The attached memo from Acting Chief, [REDACTED] was referred to this office by [REDACTED] at your direction. We wish to qualify paragraph 3 thereof as to reimbursement which may be authorized.

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2. A recent Comptroller General's decision has given complete rulings on the points involved. It may be administratively determined that travel by privately owned auto is advantageous to the Government (not merely more economical as was formerly the case). On such a determination by you, therefore, [REDACTED] orders may authorize payment of mileage not in excess of 5¢ per mile, and per diem not in excess of \$6.00 within the continental limits of the U.S. and \$7.00 a day outside. The mileage recorded by [REDACTED] will be prima facie evidence of the mileage to be paid, but this is subject to check by official Government mileage tables and, in case of substantial discrepancy, the latter will govern. Per diem may be paid for the full period of official travel even though that period may be substantially longer than would have been the case in travel by common carrier. Under no circumstances will the total amount allowed be more than would have been allowed for first-class plus pullman (lower berth), plus per diem, if travel were performed by common carrier.

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